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ARRIVAL STATEMENT - SEOUL

JULY 18, 1973

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR MRS ROGERS AND ME TO RETURN TO KOREA.

I HAVE COME AT THE INVITATION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS WITH HIM, WITH PRESIDENT PARK, AND WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS, OUR COMMON PURPOSES. SINCE MY LAST VISIT HERE BOTH OUR

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GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN BRINGING CLOSER A PEACE THAT HAS

TOO LONG BEEN ABSENT FROM ASIA.

THERE HAS BEEN A CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT IN VIETNAM. THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA CAN TAKE PRIDE IN ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THAT
OUTCOME.

AND IN ASIA, AS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, OLD ADVERSARIES
ARE SEARCHING FOR NEW AND MORE CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS.

THE FORWARD LOOKING INITIATIVES OF PRESIDENT PARK HAVE LED
TO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS REDUCED TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN
PENINSULA. WE WELCOMED THE NORTH-SOUTH TALKS YOUR GOVERNMENT
INITIATED AND PRESIDENT PARK'S FORTHRIGHT PROPOSALS OF JUNE 23.
WE INTEND TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS HE HAS
INITIATED TOWARD IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE KOREAS,
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS PROCESS WITH KOREAN
LEADERS.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT ARRIVED WITH ME TO ATTEND THE
FIFTH UNITED STATES-KOREAN COMMERCE MINISTER'S MEETING. LIKE
HIM, MRS ROGERS AND I WANT TO SEE FOR OURSELVES THE IMPRESSIVE
ECONOMIC PROGRESS YOU HAVE BEEN MAKING.

THE UNITED STATES SHARES WITH KOREA A DESIRE FOR A MORE PEACEFUL,
MORE PROSPEROUS, MORE COOPERATIVE ASIA. OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROGRESS WE BOTH HAVE MADE TOWARDS THAT
OBJECTIVE. WE ARE RESOLVED TO STRENGTHEN AND BROADEN OUR TIES.

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